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In Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3308

HOLMES et al.) Examiner: K. O.

Serial No.: 08/483,574) RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Filed: June 7, 1995) REQUIREMENT

Atty. File No.: 2657-21-3)

For: "EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD)
PROCESSING METHODS)
AND APPARATUS")

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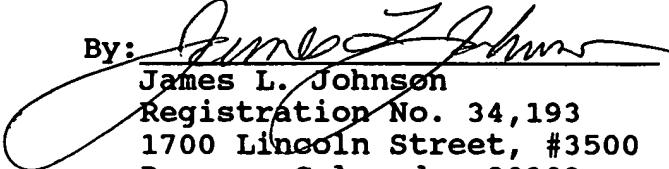
Dear Sir:

GROUP 3300
In an Office Action dated June 21, 1996 (Paper No. 4), the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner took the position that Claims 1-14 (Group I), Claims 15-25 (Group II), Claims 26-30 (Group III), and Claims 31-33 (Group IV) were distinct inventions.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement and provisionally elect Claims 1-14 (Group I). All pending claims generally relate to extracorporeal blood processing, and even more specifically to a blood processing vessel for a disposable for such blood processing. Applicants believe that the "independent" requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 121 has not been satisfied in this case. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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